

Rule 050
Veterinarians and Veterinary Supplies
Discussion Draft 1

050. VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY SUPPLIES (RULE 050).

[Sections 63-3622 & 63-3622D, Idaho Code.](#)

01. In General. Fees charged by a veterinarian for professional services are not subject to sales or use taxes. Tangible personal property used or consumed by a veterinarian or sold by a veterinarian ~~are~~ is taxable in accordance with the provisions of this rule. ~~(7-1-93)~~()

02. Drugs and Other Supplies. Drugs and other supplies used by a veterinarian while treating animal patients are tangible personal property consumed by the veterinarian in the course of providing services. If the veterinarian has not paid sales tax on his purchase of the drugs or supplies, a use tax is ~~payable~~ owed by the veterinarian. ~~(7-1-93)~~()

03. Services Provided to Exempt Customers. The veterinarian's use of drugs is taxable even though he may be providing services to a cattle rancher, dairyman or other producer because the drugs are consumed by the veterinarian and not by the producer. Since the production exemption is available only to persons engaged in a production business, the veterinarian does not benefit from the exemption. ~~(7-1-93)~~()

04. Retail Sales of Drugs and Supplies. The sale of drugs and veterinary supplies by a veterinarian is a retail sale. Veterinarians making such sales must obtain a seller's permit and must charge and remit the sales tax on such sales. However, the sale of drugs and veterinary supplies, ~~except hand tools with a unit price of less than one hundred dollars (\$100),~~ to a cattle rancher, dairyman or other person operating for gain or profit a stock, dairy, poultry, fish, fur or other ranch is exempt if documented by an exemption certificate as provided in Rule 128. ~~(3-15-02)~~()

05. Equipment and Supplies. Tangible personal property purchased or acquired by the veterinarian for the operation of his business including professional instruments and supplies, and office furnishings and equipment are taxable. (7-1-93)